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1. Between 31 August and 4 September 1953, the Mudra Kaserne in Riesa was occupied to capacity. Soldiers observed wore red-bordered black epaulettes with tank and motor transport insignia and, a few, blue epaulettes.

[REDACTED] The troops were daily shipped to the Zeithain training area on about 15 trucks.

[REDACTED] They returned at about 6 p.m. Motor vehicles [REDACTED] were seen entering and leaving the installation.

2. On 1 and 2 September, about 180 to 200 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulettes and about 45 to 50 troops equipped with 160-mm mortars practiced river crossing near Strehla on three motorboats under fire support of three AA guns mounted on trucks. Motor vehicle [REDACTED] was seen with the AA guns and [REDACTED] with the mortars. On 2 September, 16 to 20 T-34 tanks gave additional fire support.

[REDACTED] Ambulance [REDACTED] arrived from the direction of Riesa. On 3 September, about 20 to 25 trucks [REDACTED]

towing 76.2-mm AT guns entered Camp Zeithain, coming from the direction of Groeditz. [REDACTED] After about 2 hours, they were followed by about 12 armored personnel carriers mounting twin-barreled machine guns; and about 50 to 60 JS tanks.

[REDACTED] On 4 September, about 40 to 50 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulettes with motor transport insignia received instruction on carbines and machine guns in a wood patch near Merzdorf. The training was supervised by an officer, who wore tank insignia. On 4 September, about 20 tank trucks, including [REDACTED] picked up gasoline and oil for Camp Zeithain, at Grocha-harbor.

3. Between 20 August and 4 September, the von-der-Goltz Kaserne on Rudolf Freitscheidstrasse was occupied by about 80 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulettes, including some with tank insignia. Truck [REDACTED] was seen entering the installation.

4. On 1 September, the Mudra Kaserne was occupied by about 900 troops wearing

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- 25X1C 5. Prior to 31 August, the town komendatura on Josef Haydn Strasse was occupied as previously. Two officers and 11 EN wearing red-bordered red epaulets were observed. Seden [] was in the garage. The hospital on Hohe Strasse was also occupied as previously.
- 25X1A 6. On 11 September, the von-der-Coltz Kaserne was occupied by about 100 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets. [] did not observe any training activity. The Madra Kaserne was occupied by about 300 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets and, a few, blue-bordered black epaulets. Ten trucks [] were seen at driving school practice.
- 25X1C 1. [] Comment. Information in this report, [] confirm the 9th Tank Div in Riesa and the Zeif- hain training area adjoining to the east until 11 September.
- 25X1C The varying occupation figures result from the fact that elements of this division were continually rotated to the training area.
- 25X1A 2. [] Comment. [] the engineer exercises near Strehla northwest of Riesa were also held by elements of the 9th Tank Div.

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